

General Meeting: Friday, February 4, 1977 Basement Loussac Library 5th and F 7:00 PM

Social Meeting: To Be Announced at General Meeting

Transmitter Hunt: Sunday 6 February 1:00 PM meet on 34/94, hunt on 52 simplex meeting place to be announced later

The Big news for the month of February is the annual fur rendezvous dog races, which we will be assisting again this year. Several stations are still needed to cover checkpoints, and the business meeting will deal mainly with the preparations for this event. Bill Reiter, KL7ITI will be the chairman for the event this year. If you will be able to help, or wish to reserve a particular checkpoint, do call Bill as soon as possible. Wilse, KL7CQ will be heading up the teletype system. Never done a race? - - - attend the general meeting and find out what is going on.

Also coming up is the annual Flea Market, usually held in late April or early May. We do not have a site for the event selected as of this date, so all you marketeers out there be on the lookout for suitable digs for the two day affair. All you other types be collecting all that dusty junk from the basement to peddle to some deserving soul. We have a bumper crop of students in our Novice license class who are eagerly awaiting the event.

CONTEST CONTEST !!! KL7AA ( that's the club ) has run out of QSL cards, and needs to order some more. This subject was discussed at the board meeting, and it was decided that a design contest would be held to determine the design of the club card. As a prize for the winning design, that individual will receive a few hundred cards of similar design, but with his or her personal call sign of course, at club expense. If the winner is not yet licensed, they can choose to hold off on their cards until they get their call, or to pass the prize on to someone else. No matter how you look at it, this represents a few bucks saved and a chance for the club to have a really distinctive card. More details at the meeting.

A poll taken at the just begun Novice license course showed that almost half of the students were "refugees" from CB, and also that about a third were gals. Both of these are good signs for ham radio in general, and an encouraging sign for the future. In the same vein, however, we still need a few helpers to assist these students. If you can answer an occasional question or two on the phone to help a beginner over a rough spot, please contact Herb, KL7BIL or Jim, KL7HAQ at the meeting.

Several members have not paid their dues as of the end of January. The club shifter from a random renewal system to a year end system last year, and we probably have caught some of you unawares. Please make an attempt to be current by the February meeting, as only paid members will be listed in the roster. Also, the roster will show who is and who is not paid for the autopatch. If you get cut off because you were not in the book, you have no one to blame but yourself - - - after all if you arent in the book you are at least 45 days behind no matter how you look at it!! Aside from all this, the club depends on members dues for many of the activities we support, including such things as the newsletter you are reading at this very moment.

We have received a letter from Bill Balzarini, K7MWC, who states that he has recently passed his Advanced test, and is studying up for the Extra. Congratulations to Bill, and we also understand that he is planning on returning to Alaska some time soon, maybe in April or May.

Al Bianco, KL7FKD, will be presenting a short discussion on the Police Department and how the Amateur community can assist them during the February meeting. Treasure Hunt 4567

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